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Chinese Communist Purchases of Merchant Ships
in Scandinavian Countries

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[REDACTED] an unidentified Swedish shipbroker in Lausanne, Switzerland has approached all Finnish shipowners offering to buy old ships for Communist China. [REDACTED] the Finnish vessels AUNE H., 2086 GRT, VAASA, 9632 GRT, and the PETSAMO, 4497 GRT, probably already have been sold. Sale of the KOTKA, 6103 GRT, is reported to be under discussion. Prices are reported to be very favorable, with payment in sterling to be made in London. [REDACTED] similar offers have been made to shipowners in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.

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